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# Citizens Guide to the 2004 Metropolitan King County Council

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## **Expect the best. Help us make it happen!**

As the legislative branch, the Metropolitan King County Council is your "eyes and ears" on the operations of county government and your voice in setting policies, enacting laws, adopting budgets, and overseeing agency performance. Through our scrutiny and demand for public accountability, the Council has provided more efficient, responsive and cost-effective services for the 1.8 million residents of King County.

We are elected locally to provide regional leadership on our most challenging issues, including criminal justice, human services, transportation and environmental protection. Each of us represents a district of about 136,000 citizens, a constituency larger than the city of Bellevue.

We are most effective when you take part. Use these listings to contact us. Come speak at our council and committee meetings. Watch live or taped meetings on our cable access channel, King County Television, or visit [www.metrokc.gov/council](http://www.metrokc.gov/council) to view streaming videos of all our meetings. Whether you need help using county services or have a view on an urgent regional issue, we look forward to hearing from you.



**King County**

### **Metropolitan King County Council** (from left to right):

Front Row - Larry Gossett, Larry Phillips (chair), Pete von Reichbauer (vice-chair).  
Middle Row - Julia Patterson, Dow Constantine, Dwight Pelz, Carolyn Edmonds, Bob Ferguson.  
Back Row - David Irons, Rob McKenna, Kathy Lambert, Steve Hammond, Jane Hague.



King County

The Metropolitan King County Council governs the 13<sup>th</sup> most populous county in the nation and the second largest government in Washington state, with 1.8 million people living within 2,200 square miles.

What the Council does for you

As the legislative branch of King County government, the County Council helps constituents, sets policies, enacts laws, and adopts the annual county budget.

Members are elected by districts to four-year terms. Through their local representation they provide regional leadership and reliable services through their oversight of:

- Criminal justice services, such as sheriff’s deputies, prosecutors and public defenders, District and Superior Courts, juvenile detention and adult jails
- Metro Transit bus service and county roads
- King County International Airport (Boeing Field)
- Wastewater treatment and solid waste management
- Public health and human services
- Regional parks and Aquatic Center
- Records, elections and licensing

King County is the local government for the unincorporated areas and provides contract services to many of the 39 cities inside the county.

Council Phone Numbers

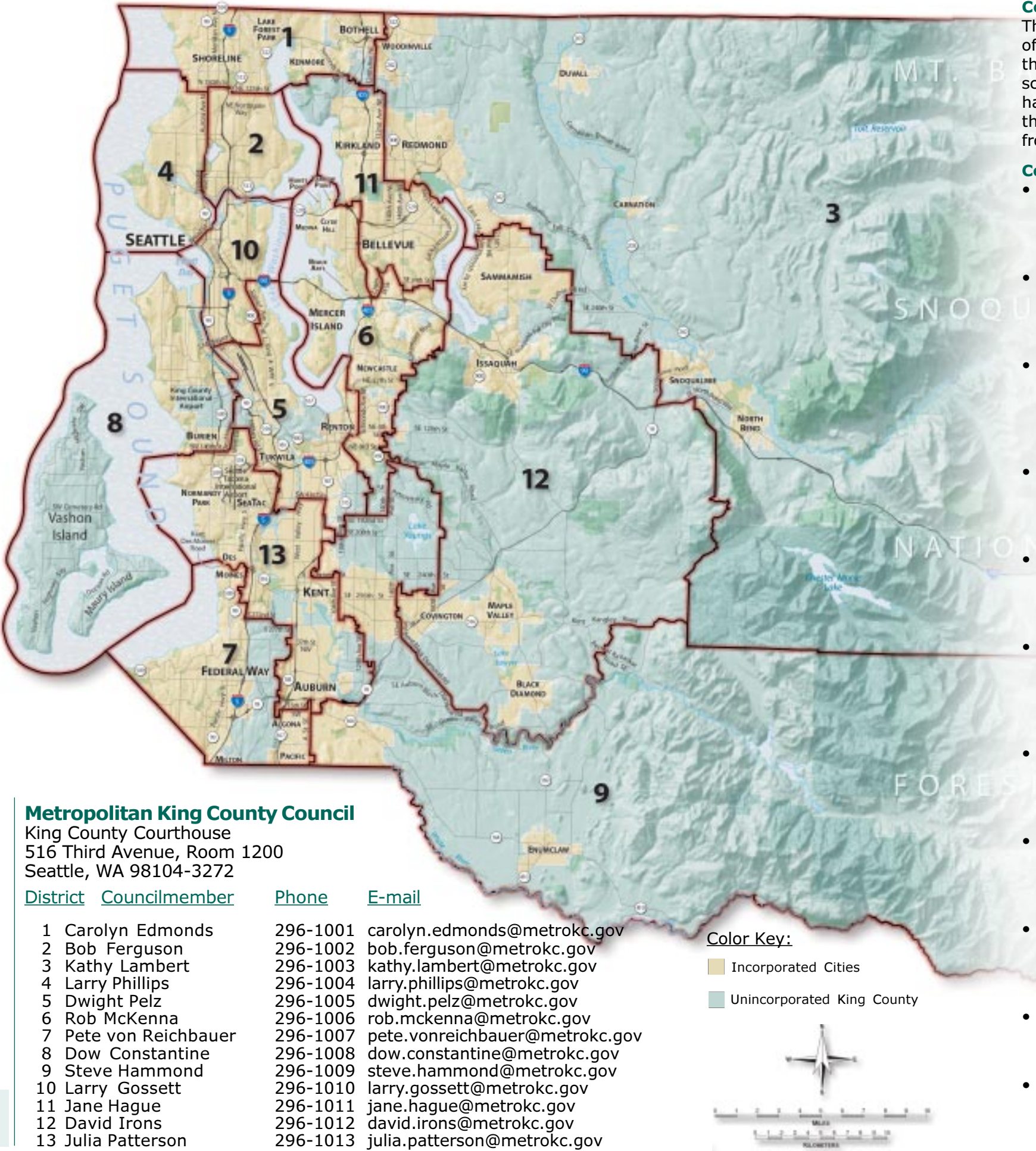
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| Council Information         | 206-296-1000 |
| Clerk of the Council        | 206-296-1020 |
| TTY/TDD                     | 206-296-1024 |
| Toll Free                   | 800-325-6165 |
| <i>Independent Agencies</i> |              |
| Auditor                     | 206-296-1655 |
| Board of Appeals            | 206-296-3496 |
| King County Television      | 206-296-0300 |
| Ombudsman                   | 206-296-3452 |
| Tax Advisor                 | 206-296-5202 |

Learn more at:  
www.metrokc.gov/council

Metropolitan King County Council

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County Council Meetings

The full Council meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the King County Courthouse. The Council functions through the work of its standing and regional committees. By carefully scrutinizing every ordinance, motion and budget, the Council has identified hundreds of millions of dollars in savings over the past decade. Regional committees include elected officials from other jurisdictions.

Committees

- **Committee of the Whole** - Considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire council. Establishes labor policies. Only committee on which all thirteen members serve.
- **Budget and Fiscal Management** - Oversees the King County budget and the financial management of the county, including the review of financial plans, major construction projects, revenues, and expenditures.
- **Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas** - Considers policies and regulations relating to land use, housing, preservation of resource lands and environmentally-sensitive areas, and county services in unincorporated areas.
- **Labor, Operations and Technology** - Recommends policies for increased efficiency, productivity and performance of county departments. Reviews labor agreements and information technology policies.
- **Law, Justice and Human Services** - Oversees the county’s criminal justice system of police, courts, prosecution and defense, and jails, as well as human service, public health and civil rights programs.
- **Natural Resources and Utilities** - Oversees policies that protect and enhance natural assets, including regional parks and open space. Recommends policies on county utility services, including wastewater treatment and solid waste disposal.
- **Transportation** - Oversees construction and maintenance of county roads and management and operations of Metro Transit bus service. Promotes intergovernmental collaboration on regional transportation projects.
- **Regional Policy** - Provides a countywide forum for development and review of regional policies related to issues such as public health, human services, solid waste and criminal justice.
- **Regional Transit** - Recommends policies for improvement, expansion and financing of transit service; passenger and operator security; and such facilities as passenger shelters, park-and-ride lots and bus bases.
- **Regional Water Quality** - Provides policy oversight for wastewater treatment operations, including capital facility planning, siting and financing.
- **Legislative Steering** - Formulates and advances the interests of the people of King County to Congress and the Washington State Legislature.



# 2004 Metropolitan King County Council Committees

For meeting agendas or to learn more about current and past legislation, go to the Legisearch button at [www.metrokc.gov/council](http://www.metrokc.gov/council) or call the Clerk of the Council at 206-296-1020.

## Committee of the Whole

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair: Larry Phillips**

Vice Chair: Pete von Reichbauer

Members: All Councilmembers

## Budget and Fiscal Management

1st, 2nd & 4th (& 5th, if occurring) Weds., 9:30 a.m.

**Chair: Larry Gossett**

Vice Chairs: Dow Constantine, David Irons

Members: Carolyn Edmonds, Bob Ferguson, Jane Hague, Rob McKenna, Julia Patterson, Pete von Reichbauer

## Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. and

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair: Dow Constantine** Vice Chair: David Irons

Members: Carolyn Edmonds, Steve Hammond, Kathy Lambert, Dwight Pelz, Larry Phillips

## Labor, Operations and Technology

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair: Julia Patterson** Vice Chair: Jane Hague

Members: Dow Constantine, David Irons, Dwight Pelz

## Law, Justice, and Human Services

1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

**Chair: Kathy Lambert** Vice Chair: Julia Patterson

Members: Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Steve Hammond, Rob McKenna

## Natural Resources and Utilities

1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair: Carolyn Edmonds** Vice Chair: Jane Hague

Members: Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, Pete von Reichbauer

## Transportation

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair: Dwight Pelz** Vice Chair: Rob McKenna

Members: Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, David Irons, Julia Patterson

## Regional Policy

1st Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair: Bob Ferguson**

Members: Carolyn Edmonds, Jane Hague, David Irons, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson

Suburban Cities Association Members: Kathy Keolker-Wheeler (*Renton*), Pete Lewis (*Auburn*), Sonny Putter (*Newcastle*), Larry Springer (*Kirkland*)  
City of Seattle Members: Nick Licata, Peter Steinbrueck

## Regional Transit

3rd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair: Rob McKenna** Vice Chair: Dwight Pelz

Members: Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, David Irons, Kathy Lambert

Suburban Cities Association Members: Dave Asher (*Kirkland*), Jeanne Burbidge (*Federal Way*), Fred Butler (*Issaquah*), Pam Carter (*Tukwila*), Don Gerend (*Sammamish*), Ralph Shape (*SeaTac*)  
Marcia Schwendiman (*Kenmore*), Roger Thordarson (*Auburn*)  
City of Seattle Members: Richard Conlin, Tom Rasmussen

## Regional Water Quality

2nd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

**Chair: Steve Hammond** Vice Chair: Carolyn Edmonds

Members: David Irons, Kathy Lambert, Dwight Pelz, Larry Phillips

Suburban Cities Association Members: Rich Gustafson (*Shoreline*), Patrick Hawkins (*Clyde Hill*), Steve Mullet (*Tukwila*), Don Persson (*Renton*)  
City of Seattle Members: Jim Compton, Richard McIver  
Sewer District Members: Walter Canter, William Tracy

## Employment Committee

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Chair: Pete von Reichbauer**

Vice Chair: Larry Gossett

Members: Larry Phillips, Kathy Lambert

## Legislative Steering Committee

Every Mon., 8:00 a.m., during State Legislative session

**Chair: Carolyn Edmonds** Vice Chair: Kathy Lambert

Members: All Councilmembers

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Millennium Cable Channel 72/80

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video of past meetings

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